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***CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED To 22 YEARS UNDER
“PROJECT CEASEFIRE”***

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that **ELLIOTT ARNOLD LEWIS** was sentenced last week to twenty two years imprisonment in U.S. District Court in Savannah by Chief U.S. District Judge William T. Moore, Jr. following Lewis's earlier guilty plea.. Lewis, 37, from Savannah, had prior convictions which include two convictions for robbery and one conviction of cocaine possession. Ms. Wood stressed that there is no parole in the federal system.

Wood stated that Lewis had been charged in a four count information for the attempted robbery of the Carver State Bank, 701 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on January 9, 2004, and the Pump and Pantry, 1816 Montgomery Street on January 14, 2004, brandishing a firearm during the commercial business robbery, and possession of a HiPoint, model CF, .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol by a convicted felon. She further noted that this case was handled under "Project Ceasefire," a district gun initiative which targets the illegal use or possession of firearms. Under this local initiative, over 250 defendants have been successfully prosecuted.

The investigation was conducted by federal agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Buerstatte.

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